

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS


Claims 1-13 remain pending in the present application.

Although the Office Action refers to Sirbu et al. at col. 12, lines 45-54 (see O.A. at page 4) for a teaching that "the information object includes a session key for transferring the secure time signal," in actuality the cited section of Sirbu et al. merely recites standard Kerberos ticketing and does not apply it to transfer of a time signal. Applicant has amended independent claims 1, and 11-13 to include a limitation for "sending a requestor identification to an authentication server". Additional of the dependent claims, such as claim 3, recite obtaining a ticket from a "key distribution center" which is distinct from the authentication server.

Accordingly, the present claims are in condition for allowance and Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-279-5098.

Respectfully submitted,

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